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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY POLICIES RELATING TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT-
ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY

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1. THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS IS PRESENTLY REVISING THE
"STATUTE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT". THE REVISED
STATUTE IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE BY MID-MARCH. THE GENERAL
INTENT IS TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MORE
SOPHISTICATED, CAPITAL-INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES BY CONTINUING
TO GRANT TAX HOLIDAYS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES TO A REDUCED
NUMBER OF CATEGORIES.

2. FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN ELECTRONICS, WITH EXCEPTION OF
PHONOGRAPHS AND BLACK/WHITE TVS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE GRANTED
INCENTIVES (FIVE YEAR TAX HOLIDAY OR ACCELERATED
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IF PRODUCTS ARE MANUFACTURED FOR EXPORT, ETC.). HOWEVER,

CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RAISED ON ORIGINAL INVESTMENTS FROM 100 TO 150 MILLION NT DOLLARS (FOR EXPORT ONLY FROM 50 TO 100 MILLION NT DOLLARS), AND FOR INVESTMENTS IN COMPUTERS, SEMI-CONDUCTORS AND TESTING INSTRUMENTS FROM 10 TO 30 MILLION NT DOLLARS. (EXCHANGE RATE NOW IS US\$1 EQUALS NT\$38.)

3. FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE AREA OF PURE ASSEMBLY, PARTICULARLY IF NO NEW TECHNOLOGY IS IMPORTED, ARE DISCOURAGED IN PRINCIPAL BUT WITH EXCEPTIONS OF PHONOGRAPHS AND B/W TVS, OTHER ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS, SUCH AS TAPE RECORDERS, WILL CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE INCENTIVES.

4. FOR CHANGES IN TAX PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT STATUTE WHICH APPLIES TO ALL TYPES OF INVESTMENTS, SEE TAIPEI 120. WE ALSO ARE AIR POUCHING A COPY OF THE CURRENT STATUTE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT AND THE TAX AMENDMENTS.
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